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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Official Action mailed August 27, 2001 in the above-identified application in which all claims (1-24, 26 and 27) stand rejected under one or more of 35 U.S.C. §§112 (second paragraph), 102, 35 U.S.C. §103 and in which claim 25 stands objected to for being an improperly multiple dependent claim. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks. This response is timely filed as a petition for three months extension of time to February 27, 2002 is submitted herewith along with a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.